

REMARKS

The Appeal Board's Decision of June 11, 2009 has been received and carefully reviewed. In the Decision, the Board reversed the rejection of claims 8, 9 and 19.

In the present amendment, claims 8, 9 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form incorporating all the recitations of the base and any intervening claims. The pending dependent method claims have been amended to now ultimately depend from one of claims 8, 9 or 19. The remaining non-method claims have been cancelled. As such, it is submitted that claims 8, 9 and 19, as well as the claims depending ultimately therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, notification of which is respectfully requested.

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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